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Applicants: Kit S. Lam and Alan L. Lehman )  
Serial No.: 10/057,178 ) Art Unit: 1639  
Filed: January 24, 2002 ) Examiner: Jon D. Epperson  
For: Method for Determining )  
Differences in Molecular )  
Interactions and for Screening A )  
Combinatorial Library )

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DECLARATION OF ALAN L. LEHMAN  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.132 IN RESPONSE TO  
OFFICE ACTION MAILED JUNE 15, 2006

1. I am a project scientist at the University of California, Davis, Medical Center. I work in the Cancer Research Center where my duties include screening combinatorial bead libraries with a variety of proteins including individual cancer proteins as well as cancer cell extracts. For the past 2 years, my research has focused on the production of ligands that bind to and can be used to recognize HHS and USDA select agents and toxins. I received my Ph.D in genetics in 2000. I am one of the inventors on this pending application. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is my curriculum vitae. This declaration is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed June 15, 2006 ("the Office Action").

2. I have reviewed the following documents: this pending patent application, the Office Action, and the two items cited by the Examiner in the Office Action (the article entitled "DiffScreen: the merging of image subtraction and molecular genetics for the rapid analysis of differentially screened cDNA libraries" by Tizard and PCT international publication no. WO 01/40265 A2 of Hammond). I am familiar with the